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SUBJ: COUP

1. THERE HAS BEEN A COUP ATTEMPT. RADIO BROADCASTING MARTIAL MUSIC RATHER THAN RADIO PROGRAMS. THERE WAS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS GUN-FIRE BETWEEN MUHAMMED'S RESIDENCE AND DODAN BARRACKS, PERHAPS INDICATION OF ATTEMPT ON HEAD OF STATE'S LIFE.

2. RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT AT 9 A.M. SAUD "YOUNG REVOLUNTIONARIES" HAD SEIZED CONTROL AND HAD OVERTHROWN MUHAMMED REGIME. ALL BORDERS, AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS ALL COMMISSIONERS, EXCEPT ARMED FORCES AND POLICE, HAVE BEEN SACKED. GOVERNORS HAVE BEEN DISMISSED AND NO LONGER HAVE AUTHORITY IN STATES. DIVISION COMMANDERS NO LONGER HAVE COMMAND. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY LT. COL. "DANKA" (PHOENETIC). ANNOUNCER SAID PENALTY FOR OPPOSITION TO NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DEATH. CURFEW IMPOSED.

3. THE LT. COL.'S ENGLISH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE HAS NOT
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